AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The present invention makes smaller the pop-up angle of a flashlight device and devises the shape of a reflecting mirror, so that an imaging apparatus can be miniaturized and made thinner by reducing the size of the flashlight device and the number of components. An imaging apparatus according to the present invention includes: an exterior case 21 with a lens device attached thereto, a flashlight device 33 supported to be capable of moving between a pop-up position and a storage position in the vicinity of an objective lens through a stroboscope frame 60, a pop-up spring 65 to urge the flashlight device 33 to the pop-up position and holding means to hold the flashlight device 33 in the storage position. The pop-up angle of the flashlight 33 is set at 20 degrees or less and a Fresnel lens 57 that is a light emitting portion is made to face the front of a subject in the pop-up position. According to the present invention, all or most of reflecting light can efficiently be emitted ahead at a predetermined light distribution angle, and so it is possible to obtain a flashlight device miniaturized and made thin. An imaging apparatus includes an exterior case to which a lens device is attached, a base plate supported in the vicinity of an objective lens of the lens device, a flashlight device pivotally connected to the base plate and capable of moving between a pop-up position and a storage position through a turning arm, a spring device that makes the flashlight device pop up to be urged to the pop-up position with the spring device in contact with the base plate and the flashlight device and a holding device for holding the flashlight device in the storage position with the holding device fixedly connected to the base plate and releasably connected to the flashlight device in the storage position. The pop-up angle of the flashlight device is set at 20 degrees or less and a light emitting portion faces the front of a subject in the pop-up position.